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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

10.30 a.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	42nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
Afternoon[1]	43rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: draft resolution (A/63/L.20) [114 (n)]
2. The situation in Afghanistan [17]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/372)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.17)

(continued overleaf)

[1] Following the briefing by the Secretary-General, scheduled to be held from 3 to 4 p.m.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on current developments (Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Middle East, as well as on his recent trip to Asia), on *Monday, 10 November 2008*, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. *Member States are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.*

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3. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development . . . . . [2

   (a) Letter from the Secretary General (A/63/511)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.18)

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [6

   Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/84, A/63/305 and A/63/305/Corr.1)

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/81, A/63/277 and A/63/348)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/295)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.21)

   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/75)

5. Report of the International Criminal Court: draft resolution (A/63/L.19) . . . . [6

6. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/108) . . . . . [105 (h

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held as follows, in Conference Room 6:

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m.;

Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;
Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.,
Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and
Friday, 14 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 17.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Delegations who have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers for the meeting of the General Assembly on agenda item 45 (Culture of peace), to be held on Wednesday, 12, and Thursday, 13 November 2008, in the General Assembly Hall, are kindly invited to send their request, *in writing*, as soon as possible to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (fax 1 (212) 963-4230).

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

General Assembly

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2
	Opening of the Pledging Conference	
	Election of officers	
	Statement of pledges	
	Adoption of the report	
	Closing statements	
Afternoon[1]–4 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2
	[Documents A/CONF.208/2008/1, A/CONF.208/2008/2, A/CONF.208/2008/Add.1, A/CONF.208/2008/2/Corr.1, A/CONF.208/2008/L.1 and A/63/71-E/2008/46]	

[1] If necessary.

2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2
	Opening of the Pledging Conference	
	Election of officers	
	Statement of pledges	
	Adoption of the report	
	Closing statements	
Afternoon[2]–4 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2
	[Document A/CONF.209/2008/L.1]	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the 2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.
[2]If necessary.

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11, A/63/68, A/62/11, A/62/70, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/C.5/61/11 and A/56/767))	

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	313th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Special political missions	

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Monday, 10 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Iinformal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-1527A

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-770

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 47 (b) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-1527A

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Monday, 10 November 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international environmental governance)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft omnibus resolution on the law of the sea)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Other activities

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Monday, 10 November 2008

Special events in observance of the seventieth anniversary of the Kristallnacht Pogrom (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information, in partnership with the Permanent Missions of Germany and Israel)

In the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium:

From 1 to 3.30 p.m.: Panel discussion on "Nowhere to turn"; and

At 6 p.m.: Screening of the film "My opposition: The diaries of Friedrich Kellner".

[All are invited to attend. To register to attend, please contact the Outreach Division (e-mail holocaustremembrance@un.org). For further information, please contact Ms. Kimberly Mann, Outreach Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-6865; e-mail mann@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative: up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 10 November 2008

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Ian Martin, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Nepal and Head of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows, in Conference Room 8: Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 6 p.m. (in Conference Room 1); Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 14 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 17, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: An informal meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 12 November, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, by Ambassador David Balton, Chairman of the seventh round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (ICSP-7), in preparation of the anticipated eighth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties.]

Main Committees

Second Committee
Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Overcoming economic insecurity" on Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address the causes and impact of the global financial crisis and consider the policy responses, particularly at the international level, which will be needed not only to recover financial stability, but also to meet the wider goals associated with greater economic security and social justice.

The panel discussion is jointly organized with the Division for Development Policy and Analysis, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Division for Development Policy and Analysis (tel. 1 (917) 367-9353; e-mail kozul-wright@un.org).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 11 November 2008 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 1st and 2nd meetings on Tuesday, 11 November 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (Letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 10 October 2008).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "HIV/AIDS and peacekeeping" on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Iinformal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 47 (b) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-1527A.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.5 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Women's International Forum on "Children and armed conflict" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on trends and developments in official development assistance to the least developed countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Borchers, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4284; or e-mail borchers@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 6 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

39th plenary meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [103 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/63/186-S/2008/502)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/187, A/63/187/Add.1 and A/63/187/Add.2)

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/188)

The President informed the General Assembly that he had received information about additional submissions from several national groups.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the same procedure as practiced at the 44th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session, on 7 November 2005, should more than the required number of candidates obtain an absolute majority of votes on the same ballot.

On the first ballot, five candidates, Mr. Antonio A. Cançado Trindade (Brazil) (163 votes), Mr. Christopher Greenwood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (157 votes), Mr. Rony Abraham (France) (152 votes), Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan) (151 votes) and Ms. Miriam Defensor-Santiago (Philippines) (106 votes) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The President read out a letter that he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 6011th meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Rony Abraham (France), Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Antonio A. Cançado Trindade (Brazil) and Mr. Christopher Greenwood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) were elected members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2009.

40th plenary meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [103 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/63/186-S/2008/502)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/187, A/63/187Add.1 and A/63/187/Add.2)

(c) Note by the Secretary-General(A/63/188)

The meeting was convened for the purpose of continuing with the election of five members of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the provisions of article 11 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

The General Assembly proceeded to vote in respect of the remaining one vacancy.

In the second round of balloting, no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

In the third round of balloting, no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement, in the course of which he informed the General Assembly that Mr. Sayeman Bula-Bula (Democratic Republic of the Congo) no longer wished to be considered as a candidate.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Cameroon and the Philippines.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Guinea-Bissau and Benin.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement, in the course of which he further clarified the application of rule 151 and article 11 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

In the fourth ballot, Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia) (116 votes) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The President read out a letter that he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the result of the voting held at the 6012th meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes both in the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia) was elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2009.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 103.

Friday, 7 November 2008

Security Council

6013th meeting

Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920)

Report of the Secretary-General on the request of Nepal for United Nations assistance in support of its peace process (S/2008/670)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Nepal, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ian Martin, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission in Nepal.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Martin.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Nepal.

A statement was made by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

6014th meeting — *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/42).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

41st plenary meeting — *Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: Commemorative meeting for the sixtieth anniversary of United Nations Peacekeeping: draft resolution (A/63/L.16)* . . . . . [31]

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius (on behalf of the African States), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian States), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Iceland (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and the United States (as host country).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution (A/63/L.16) (resolution 63/16).

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The General Assembly concluded the commemorative meeting marking the sixtieth anniversary of United Nations Peacekeeping.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 31.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the sponsors, agenda item 12 (Prevention of armed conflict), originally scheduled as the first item on Monday, 10 November, would be postponed to a later date to be announced.

The General Assembly was also informed of some additions to the programme of work for Monday morning, 10 November 2008.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

24th meeting — The summary of the 24th meeting of the Special Political Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/220).

Fifth Committee

16th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . . . [105]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/63/102 and A/C.5/63/5)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Vyacheslav Anatolievich Logutov (Russian Federation), Mr. Richard Moon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea), Mr. Thomas Thomma (Germany), Mr. Courtney H. Williams (Jamaica) and Mr. Wu Gang (China) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/63/103 and A/C.5/63/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Madhav Dhar (India), Mr. Nemir Kirdar (Iraq) and Mr. Masakazu Arikawa (Japan) as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 and to confirm the appointment of Ms. Linah K. Mohohlo (Botswana), to fill the remainder of Mr. Khaya Ngqula's (South Africa) term, effective 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the reappointment of Mr. Ivan Pictet (Switzerland) as an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 and that of Mr. Simon Jiang (China) to replace, as an ad hoc member, Ms. Afsaneh Beschloss (Islamic Republic of Iran) commencing on 1 January 2009.

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/63/104 and A/C.5/63/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Fatih Bouyad-Agha (Algeria), Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco), Mr. Shamsher M. Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Mr. Wang Xiaochu (China) and Mr. Vladimir Morozov (Russian Federation) as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

(f) Appointment of members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/63/104, A/C.5/63/8 and A/C.5/63/8/Corr.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, that the General Assembly recommend the appointment or re-appointment of Ms. Valeria María González Posse (Argentina), Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation), Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle (Germany), Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe), Mr. Muhammad A. Muhith (Bangladesh), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya), Mr. Thomas Repasch (United States of America) and Mr. Jun Yamada (Japan) as members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/101 and A/C.5/63/4)

The Committee recommended, by acclamation, that the General Assembly appoint Ms. Aïcha Afifi (Morocco), Ms. Renata Archini (Italy), Mr. Alejandro Torres Lepori (Argentina) and Ms. Susan M. McLurg (United States of America) as members of the Advisory

Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the two candidates from the Group of Eastern European States to fill the vacant seat of that region.

The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

Eastern European States

Mr. Vladimir Alekseevitch Iosifov (Russian Federation) . . . . . 116 votes
Mr. Alexander Petriashvili (Georgia) . . . . . 57 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Vladimir Alekseevitch Iosifov (Russian Federation) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

Corrigendum

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 29th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/211, page 26). The text under "Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17" *should read* as follows:

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17

The representative of Guatemala introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Peru, and orally revised the text.

The Republic of Moldova and Timor-Leste also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: France (7 November 2008)

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

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Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
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H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

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H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

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